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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/14-1.09b
105 ILCS 5/14-6.04
225 ILCS 110/8.1
225 ILCS 110/8.5

Amends the School Code. Provides that a speech-language pathologist who provides speech-language pathology services pursuant to a contract may hold a valid temporary license under the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act as an alternative to holding a speech-language pathology license. Adds a reference to the Section concerning obtaining a temporary license under the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act to provisions concerning speech-language pathologists. Amends the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act. Extends to July 1, 2005 the period until which a person holding a bachelor's level degree in communication disorders who was employed to assist a speech-language pathologist on a specified date shall be eligible to receive a license as a speech-language pathology assistant without meeting all of the regular licensure criteria. Provides that, on and after July 1, 2005 (rather than January 1, 2004), a person who intends to undertake supervised professional experience as a speech-language pathologist must first obtain a temporary license from the Department of Professional Regulation. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning professional regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
5 14-1.09b and 14-6.04 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/14-1.09b)

7 Sec. 14-1.09b. Speech-language pathologist.

8 (a) For purposes of supervision of a speech-language
9 pathology assistant, "speech-language pathologist" means a
10 person who has received a license pursuant to the Illinois
11 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act to engage
12 in the practice of speech-language pathology.

13 (b) The School Service Personnel Certificate with a
14 speech-language endorsement shall be issued under Section
15 21-25 of this Code to a speech-language pathologist who meets
16 all of the following requirements:

17 (1) Holds (A) a regular license as a speech-language
18 pathologist pursuant to the Illinois Speech-Language
19 Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, (B) a current
20 Certificate of Clinical Competence in speech-language
21 pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing
22 Association and a regular license in speech-language
23 pathology from another state or territory or the District
24 of Columbia and has applied for a regular license as a
25 speech-language pathologist pursuant to the Illinois
26 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, or
27 (C) a temporary license pursuant to Section 8.1 of the
28 Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice
29 Act and has completed an approved program.

30 (2) Holds a master's or doctoral degree with a major
31 emphasis in speech-language pathology from an institution
32 whose course of study was approved or program was

1 accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in
2 Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American
3 Speech-Language-Hearing Association or its predecessor.

4 (3) Either (i) has completed a program of study before
5 July 1, 2002 that includes course work and supervised
6 clinical experience sufficient in breadth and depth to
7 demonstrate knowledge and skills related to the specific
8 problems, methods and procedures applicable to students
9 with disabilities in a school setting serving ages 3
10 through 21 or (ii) meets the content area standards for
11 speech-language pathologists adopted by the State Board of
12 Education, in consultation with the State Teachers
13 Certification Board.

14 (4) Has successfully completed the required Illinois
15 certification tests.

16 (5) Has paid the application fee required for
17 certification.

18 The provisions of this subsection (b) do not preclude the
19 issuance of a teaching certificate to a speech-language
20 pathologist who qualifies for such a certificate.

21 (Source: P.A. 92-510, eff. 6-1-02; 93-112, eff. 1-1-04.)

22 (105 ILCS 5/14-6.04)

23 Sec. 14-6.04. Contracting for speech-language pathology
24 services.

25 (a) For purposes of this Section:

26 "Reasonable efforts" means performing all of the
27 following:

28 (1) placing at least 3 employment advertisements for a
29 speech-language pathologist published in the newspaper of
30 widest distribution within the school district or
31 cooperative;

32 (2) placing one employment listing in the placement
33 bulletin of a college or university that has a
34 speech-language pathology curriculum that is located in
35 the geographic area of the school district or cooperative,

1 if any; and

2 (3) posting the position for speech-language
3 pathologist on the Illinois Association of School
4 Administrators' job placement service for at least 30 days.

5 "Speech-language pathologist" means a person who:

6 (1) holds a master's or doctoral degree with a major
7 emphasis in speech-language pathology from an institution
8 whose course of study was approved or program was
9 accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in
10 Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American
11 Speech-Language-Hearing Association or its predecessor;
12 and

13 (2) either (i) has completed a program of study prior
14 to July 1, 2002 that includes course work and supervised
15 clinical experience sufficient in breadth and depth to
16 demonstrate knowledge and skills related to the specific
17 problems, methods, and procedures applicable to students
18 with disabilities in a school setting serving ages 3 to 21
19 or (ii) meets the content-area standards for
20 speech-language pathologists adopted by the State Board of
21 Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
22 Certification Board.

23 "Speech-language pathology services" means the application
24 of methods and procedures for identifying, measuring, testing,
25 appraising, predicting, and modifying communication
26 development and disorders or disabilities of speech, language,
27 voice, swallowing, and other speech, language, and
28 voice-related disorders for the purpose of counseling,
29 consulting, and rendering services or participating in the
30 planning, directing, or conducting of programs that are
31 designed to modify communicative disorders and conditions in
32 individuals or groups of individuals involving speech,
33 language, voice, and swallowing functions.

34 (b) A school district or a cooperative must make reasonable
35 efforts to employ a speech-language pathologist. While making
36 those reasonable efforts or after unsuccessful reasonable

1 efforts have been made, or both, a school district or
2 cooperative may contract for speech-language pathology
3 services with a speech-language pathologist or an entity that
4 employs speech-language pathologists. A speech-language
5 pathologist who provides speech-language pathology services
6 pursuant to a contract must hold:

7 (1) a speech-language pathology license under the
8 Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice
9 Act or a valid temporary license issued under Section 8.1
10 of that Act; and

11 (2) a certificate under this Code with an endorsement
12 in speech-language pathology.

13 (Source: P.A. 93-110, eff. 7-8-03.)

14 Section 10. The Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and
15 Audiology Practice Act is amended by changing Sections 8.1 and
16 8.5 as follows:

17 (225 ILCS 110/8.1)

18 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

19 Sec. 8.1. Temporary license. On and after July 1, 2005
20 ~~January 1, 2004~~, a person who has met the requirements of items
21 (a) through (e) of Section 8 and intends to undertake
22 supervised professional experience as a speech-language
23 pathologist, as required by subsection (f) of Section 8 and the
24 rules adopted by the Department, must first obtain a temporary
25 license from the Department. A temporary license may be issued
26 by the Department only to an applicant pursuing licensure as a
27 speech-language pathologist in this State. A temporary license
28 shall be issued to an applicant upon receipt of the required
29 fee as set forth by rule and documentation on forms prescribed
30 by the Department demonstrating that a licensed
31 speech-language pathologist has agreed to supervise the
32 professional experience of the applicant. A temporary license
33 shall be issued for a period of 12 months and may be renewed
34 only once for good cause shown.

1 (Source: P.A. 93-112, eff. 1-1-04.)

2 (225 ILCS 110/8.5)

3 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

4 Sec. 8.5. Qualifications for licenses as a speech-language
5 pathology assistant.

6 (a) A person is qualified to be licensed as a
7 speech-language pathology assistant if that person has applied
8 in writing on forms prescribed by the Department, has paid the
9 required fees, and meets both of the following criteria:

10 (1) Is of good moral character. In determining moral
11 character, the Department may take into consideration any
12 felony conviction of the applicant, but such a conviction
13 shall not operate automatically as a complete bar to
14 licensure.

15 (2) Has received an associate degree from a
16 speech-language pathology assistant program that has been
17 approved by the Department and that meets the minimum
18 requirements set forth in Section 8.6.

19 (b) Until January 1, 2005 ~~2004~~, a person holding a
20 bachelor's level degree in communication disorders who was
21 employed to assist a speech-language pathologist on June 1,
22 2002 (the effective date of P.A. 92-510) ~~the effective date of~~
23 ~~this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly~~ shall be
24 eligible to receive a license as a speech-language pathology
25 assistant from the Department upon completion of forms
26 prescribed by the Department and the payment of the required
27 fee.

28 (Source: P.A. 92-510, eff. 6-1-02.)

29 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
30 becoming law.